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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Andrei Bologa et al

Title: UNIT FOR THE ELECTROSTATIC SCRUBBING OF GAS AND METHOD
FOR OPERATION THEREOF

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97(b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

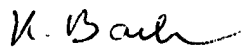
The references were cited in the International Search Report. However, they were all marked "A" as relating only to background information. The references do not disclose that, in an apparatus for the purification of a gas which apparatus comprises three-conduit section, that is, a ionization and cleaning section in which the particles contained in water-saturated air are ionized and then con-ducted through a chamber with grounded walls so that part of the particles are deposited on these walls, an additional cleaning section which includes grounded tubes past which the gas is conducted to remove additional charged

particles and, a filter section in which dry remaining fine particles are removed from the gas stream.

The deposited particles are flushed from all three sections and the flushing water including the particles is cleaned and recycled.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K. Bach".

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